A.—The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Chief Minister) —

With the enactment by the Indian Parliament of the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act, the general direction and policy in regard to foodgrains has been assumed by the Central Government who have made it clear that in the present context of scarcity and rising prices, control over essential foodgrains has necessarily to continue. This and controls over cloth, Iron and Steel, etc., being All-India questions, no independent action by this State in isolation from the rest of the country is possible.

Expenditure on Grow More Food Scheme and the yield.

Q.—254. Sri D. M. SIDDIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

The amount that has been spent during this year on Grow More Food Scheme and the quantity of the yield ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

The figures for 1951-52 are to be compiled after the detailed statements are received.

Tailoring in Middle and High Schools.

Q.—271. Sri S. RANGARAMIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) in how many Middle Schools instructions in tailoring are introduced (please give the names of the schools) ;

(*b*) whether there are any demands for the introduction of tailoring classes in other Middle Schools and High Schools ; if so, the action taken by them to meet such demands ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) 1 Government Kannada Boys' Middle School, Visveswarapuram, Bangalore.

2 Urdu Boys' Middle School, Infantry Lines, Bangalore.

3 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Hoskote.

4 Urdu Boys' Middle School, Tumkur.

5 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Madhugiri.

6 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Srirangapatna.

7 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Nagamangala.

8 Urdu Boys' Middle School, Chitaldrug.

9 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Chikballapur.

10 Urdu Boys' Middle School, Mandi Mohalla, Mysore.

11 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Vijayapura, Devanahalli Taluk.

12 Kannada Boys' Middle School, Ramanagaram.

(*b*) No.

Primary and Middle Schools and low percentage of literacy in Mysore District.

Q.—272. Sri S. RANGARAMIAH (Mysore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Primary Schools and Middle Schools in existence in the Mysore District ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the percentage of literacy in Mysore District is very low compared to other districts in the State ;

(*c*) the steps they have taken to increase literacy in the District ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) 1 Primary Schools ... 1,270

2 (*a*) New Type Middle Schools. 45 } 144

(*b*) Middle Schools 99 }

(*b*) Yes, in rural areas.

(*c*) New Primary Schools are being opened in the District every year. The Mysore State Adult Education Council is also conducting literacy classes in

the rural parts of the District to improve the literacy in the rural parts of the District.

The Mysore Tenancy Bill, 1951

Presentation of Select Committee Report.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Mandya District—General).– Sir, in the absence of the Chairman, I present the report of the Select Committee on the Mysore Tenancy Bill, 1951. I understand that copies have been received by Hon'ble Members already.

Statement by Sri K. R. Sreekanteswar re: his presence in the House on 1st day without taking his Oath.

Sri K. R. SREEKANTESWAR (Bangalore City—General)—Sir, I request permission to make a short statement about my absence from the Assembly on the 8th October 1951 when my name was called by the Secretary to take the Oath. Though I was in the Hall a few minutes before the commencement of the meeting, I had to go out for a few minutes on some urgent personal business, and by the time I returned, the opportunity to take the the Oath had gone by.

I want to assure you, Sir, and through you the Hon'ble Members of the House that I meant no disrespect whatever to either the House or the Chair by my absence at that time. Being a new Member, I was also not aware of the consequences ensuing as a result of my absence.

In the circumstances, I request the House through you, Sir, that they may be pleased to condone my absence and excuse the liability arising as a result of my absence.

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM (Minister for Law and Labour).—The Hon'ble Member's absence is no offence but the Hon'ble Member's presence without taking the oath is an offence. So kindly alter the wording.

Sri K. R. SREEKANTESWAR.—My absence at the time when my name was called—that is what I meant.

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—That is no offence. Hon'ble Member is free to be absent when his name was called but his presence without taking the oath is the offence. So kindly modify the wording.

Sri K. R. SREEKANTESWAR.—All right, Sir. I shall modify the wording.

In the circumstances, I request the House through you, Sir, that they may be pleased to condone my absence and excuse the liability arising as a result of my presence without taking the oath.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. VENKATAPPA).—The Hon'ble Chief Minister will introduce the Mysore High Court (Amendment) Bill, 1951.

The Mysore High Court (Amendment) Bill, 1951

Introduction.

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Chief Minister).—Sir, I introduce the Mysore High Court (Amendment) Bill, 1951, published in the Mysore Gazette Extraordinary dated 20th October 1951 under Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly. Copies of the Bill have already been distributed to Hon'ble Members.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION.

Demise of Hon'ble Liaqat Ali Khan.

Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. VENKATAPPA).—The condolence resolution may now be moved by the Leader of the House.

***The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY** (Leader of the House).—